

March | 2020



Principal's Message

It seems hard to believe that it's already March and time for our second round of Parent-Teacher Conferences. As a parent, you provide valuable information for our teachers that better enable them to address your child's needs. Thank you for your support and partnership in the education of your child. Please take note of the dates and times of conferences. Should you need any assistance in scheduling an appointment with your child's teacher, feel free to contact our office.

Wednesday, March 11th, 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 12th, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



School Attendance Matters

As we welcome warmer weather and longer hours of daylight, it's a great time to remind everyone of the importance of school attendance. Did you know research shows that missing just two days of school per month can negatively impact academic progress? While it is possible to make up the missing work, it is much more difficult to make up the instruction that takes place when a student is absent. Attendance habits established kindergarten through 2nd grade have lasting effects on students throughout their education. Children with high attendance in the early grades continue to have good attendance; and students with low attendance in the early grades are more likely to have low attendance—and lower academic performance. As your child's most influential teacher, we ask for your support in helping your child get to school on time every day. We understand that some absences are unavoidable due to illness or family challenges. Please let the school know if your family needs assistance dealing with such challenges.



Upcoming School Events

March 4

SCC Meeting, 5:30 pm

March 6

NO SCHOOL

March 11 & 12

Parent-Teacher Conferences

March 13

NO SCHOOL

March 20

Raptor PRIDE Assembly

March 24

Zupas Spirit Night

March 31

Spring Picture Day

Raptor **PRIDE**

Positive

Respect

Involved

Directions First Time

Excellence



PTA Announcements

Mark your calendars to attend the Book Fair, March 11th and 12th during Parent Teacher Conferences. We will also be holding a special "Bites, Buddies, & Books" event Wednesday morning before school. Watch for more information to come! Other important dates to keep in mind are listed below:

Box Top Drive: March 23rd -27th

Zupas Spirit Night: Tuesday, March 24th, 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.



In Other News...

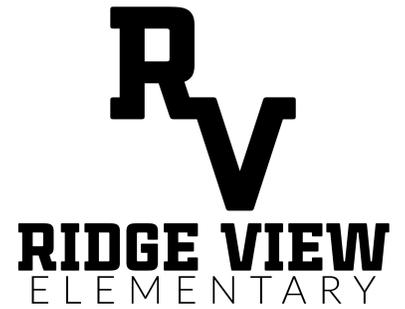
Student Council Events

The "Warming Hearts" activity held during the month of February was a great success. Our school hallways *and* our hearts were filled with love as we highlighted the many acts of kindness that take place each day at Ridge View!

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Reminders

Thank you for your support as we have implemented new procedures in our drop-off and pick-up zones. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping student safety a top priority at our school! A couple of key things to keep in mind:

1. Help maintain a continual flow of traffic by pulling all the way forward when dropping off and picking up your child. Students will be expected to wait south of the first crosswalk in order for cars to pull as far forward as possible. Should you notice that you pull ahead of your child, he/she will be directed to walk to your vehicle.
2. Should you choose to use the visitor parking lot in front of the school for drop-off or pick-up, please be aware that you must PARK your vehicle and walk your student to and from the crosswalk. Students will not be permitted to cross to the parking lot without an adult.



GRADE LEVEL

HIGHLIGHT: **2ND**

We are so "LUCKY" to be in 2nd grade and we are learning so much this year. We have been working so hard in math, learning double digit subtraction and addition, time, money, and measurement. Our reading has improved tremendously and many of us are now reading chapter books. In social studies have been learning all about communities and financial literacy with the "JR Achievement" program. We are so grateful for the parents who have come in and taught the lessons. In science we have had a great time learning about animals and their habitats. We are looking forward to begin practicing our mini-musical "BUGZ" that goes along with our science unit about living things.

The second grade teachers love teaching here at Ridge View and enjoy seeing our "friends" each school day. In the spring, we are excited to be going on a field trip to the Aquarium and to the Water Conservation Park.

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